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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEWHAVEN PORT HEALTH COMMITTEE

Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Health Report for the year 1954 of the Port Medical Officer and Medical Inspector of Aliens of Newhaven Port.

During the year under review there was an increase of inward passengers who arrived at the Port. The total number was 198,250 as compared with 177,857 in the previous year. The total number of outward passengers in 1954 was 198,812 as compared with 177,530 in 1953. The previous highest recorded number of inward aliens, 52,104 in 1952, was exceeded by the number in 1954 which was 54,652. Inward aliens for 1954 exceeded by 62.9% the average annual number (33,533) for the period 1929 to 1938.

The medical inspection staff at the Port remains much the same as in pre-war years and has now to deal with about 63% more alien traffic. Due to the smallness of the staff and the fact that alien carrying vessels arrive at the Port each day of the year with the exception of Christmas Day there has been some difficulty in obtaining reasonable off duty times in times of illness of one or other members of the staff. This hardly ever occurs with larger staffs where numbers employed give adequate cover in emergencies and for reasonable off duty times.

Of the 54,652 aliens who arrived at the Port in 1954 52,838 were inspected by the medical inspector and more detailed medical examinations were made of 1,814 aliens. Twenty-four aliens were found undesirable for medical reasons and ten were found to be incapacitated. One alien was classified as lunatic, idiot or mental defective. No alien landing was found to be suffering from acute infectious disease.

There was an increase in shipping entering the Port in 1954. The numbers of vessels from foreign ports was 796 as compared with 726 in 1953, and of coastwise vessels 710 in 1954 as against 669 in 1953. No ships were reported in 1954 as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease aboard.

Imports in 1954 amounting to 165,792 tons showed a slight decrease when compared with 170,575 tons imported in the previous year. The chief import in 1954 was fuel - coal, coke, patent fuel and oil fuel amounting to 126,502 tons.

Exports in 1954 amounted to 28,554 tons an increase above the total of 24,465 tons for 1953. The chief exports in the year under review were machinery, vehicles and vehicle parts which amounted to 15,978 tons. As formerly the main trading port connected to Newhaven was Dieppe. There were a few arrivals from Baltic ports with timber.

It does appear that if new industries were established in and around Newhaven, not only would a supply of young workers be available, as for many years the births in Newhaven have exceeded the deaths, and as a result there has been a preponderance of young people in the town, but owing to Newhaven's position and its connection with rail and sea transport systems, goods manufactured in or near the town could be transported quickly to the Continent on the one hand, and on the other to London and other large centres.

Samples of water supplies relating to the Port supply or to the district and examined bacteriologically and chemically during the year were found to be satisfactory.

Arrangements for the transport and hospitalisation of infectious diseases cases remained during the year as formerly.

A total of 84 inspections for nuisances on foreign going and coastwise vessels were made by the sanitary inspector and as a result three informal notices were served whilst two notices were complied with.

Accommodation for medical inspections and examinations at the Port was as satisfactory as possible under a limited layout and space.

In conclusion I have to thank the Immigration Officer and other officials at the Port for their helpfulness and courtesy and I must express my appreciation of your help and encouragement during the year.

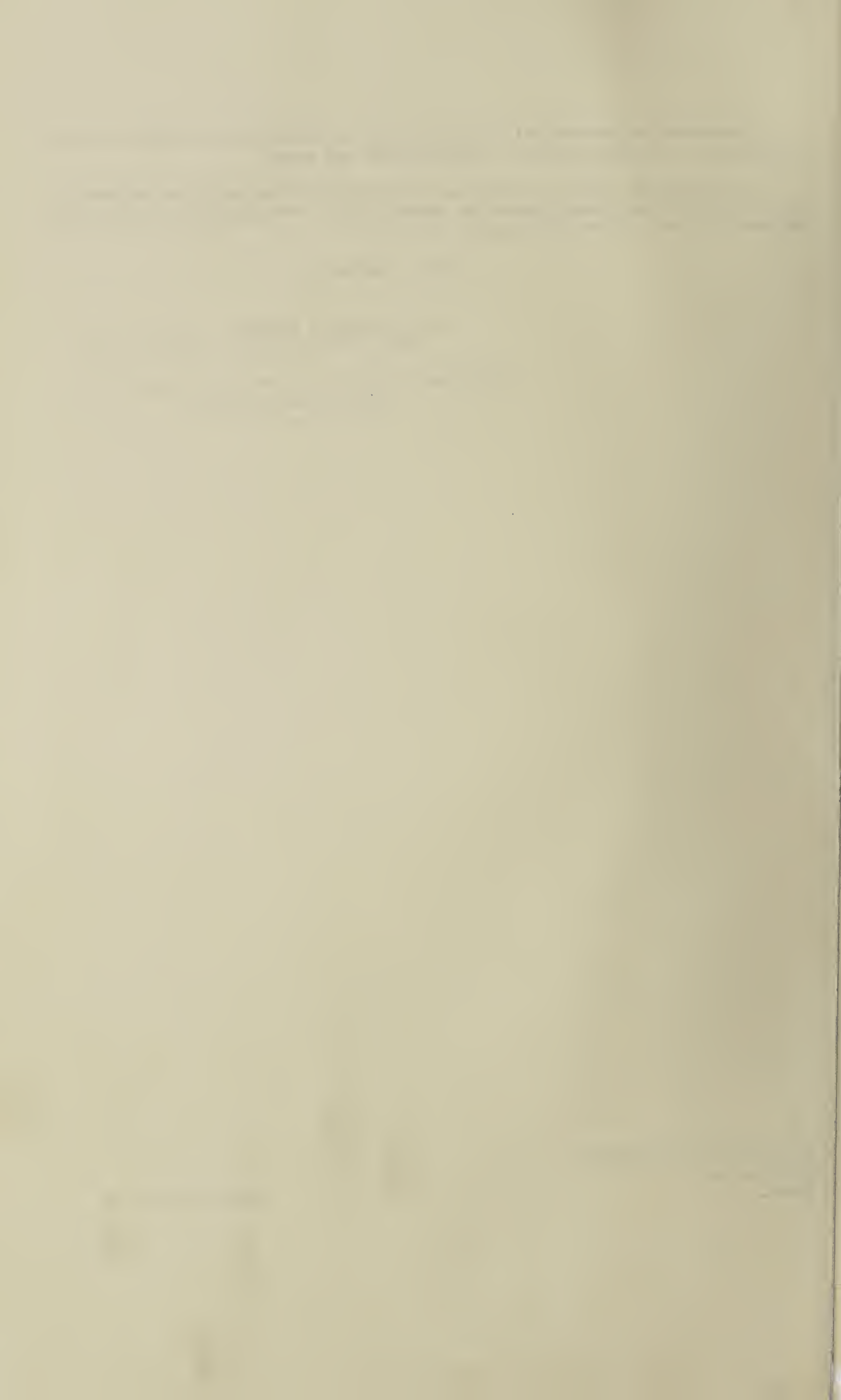
Yours obediently,

G. M. Davidson Lobban,
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., F.R.S.I., etc.

Port Medical Officer and Medical Inspector of
Aliens, Newhaven Port.

Public Health Department,
Lewes House,
LINES.

March, 1955



SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointment held
Dr. G.M.D. S.B. Lobban	Port Medical Officer and Medical Inspector of Aliens.	15th May, 1945.	M.B., Ch.B. D.P.H., F.R.S.I., F.R.I.P.H. F.S.M.O.H.	Medical Officer of Health, East Sussex United Districts Physician (Infect. Diseases) Brighton & Lewes Hospital Group, S.E. Met. Reg. Hospital Board.
Dr. R.A. Stenhouse	Assistant Port Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens.	19th April 1948	L.M.S.S.A. (Lond.)	Assistant School Medical Officer, East Sussex County Council. Assistant Medical Officer of Health Newhaven UDC
W.P. Harrison	Port Sanitary Inspector and Food Inspector	5th March, 1945	Cert. R.S.I & S.I.J.B. Cert. R.S.I Meat and Foods. M.R.San.I. B.O.T.Cert Master Mariner	Sanitary Inspector Newhaven U.D.C.
Miss Willett	Part time Clerk, Port Health Dept.	15th December 1952 to 3rd October 1954	-	-
Miss Baldwin	Part time Clerk, Port Health Dept.	4th October 1954	-	-
Mrs. A. Bassett	Nurse-Attendant Medical Inspection of Aliens	1st March, 1948	-	-
Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health:-				Lewes House School Hill, LEWES. 1282

SECTION II - Amount of Shipping Entering
the district during the year

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	<u>Number Inspected</u>		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	796	525606	5	17	NIL
Coastwise	710	97477	2	67	NIL
Total	1506	623083	7	84	NIL

SECTION III - Character of shipping
and Trade during the year

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of Passengers INWARDS	198,250
	(Number of Passengers OUTWARDS	198,812
(Principal	<u>IMPORTS</u>	<u>Tons</u>
(Coal, Coke and Patent Fuel	117,591
(Fish	152
(Fruit and Vegetables	5,590
(Other Food & Provisions	81
(Iron and Steel	1,885
(Oil Fuel	8,911
(Timber	6,184
(Chemicals and Chemical Fertils.	495
(Raw Wool	310
(±	Other Commodities	24,593
	Total	<u>165,792</u>
(± Includes:-	Vehicles (over 1 ton)	1,179
	Vehicles (under 1 ton)	3,127
	Motor Cycles	714
	Animals	19
		<u>5,039</u>

(Principal	<u>EXPORTS</u>	<u>Tons</u>
(Iron and Steel	346
(Oil & Spirit, Mineral & Motor	43
(Building & Road Materials	2,500
(Machinery	3,616
(≠	Vehicles and vehicle parts	12,362
(Woollen Goods	154
(Other textiles	213
(Chemicals & Chemical Fertilizers	133
(±	Other Commodities	9,187
(Total	<u>28,554</u>
(≠	Includes:-	
(Motor Vehicles (over 1 ton)	3,106
(Motor Vehicles (under 1 ton)	2,552
(Motor Cycles	618
(Total	<u>6,276</u>
(±	Included:-	
(Animals	73

PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive

The main trade of the port is with Dieppe, but there are also arrivals from Baltic ports with Timber.

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

The Port is not used by Inland Barge Traffic.

SECTION V - Water Supply

(1) Source of Supply for

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| (a) The District ... | No Change |
| (b) Shipping | No Change |

(2) Reports of tests for contamination:

One sample from the British Railway's Well at Denton before chlorination, and one sample after chlorination were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory. Results were satisfactory

Twenty Eight samples (16 Bacteriological, 12 Chemical), reported by the Newhaven and Seaford Water Company were satisfactory.

(3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.

No Change

(4) Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority.

No Change

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships)

Regulations, 1952

No Change

SECTION VII - Smallpox

(1) NAME OF ISOLATION HOSPITAL TO WHICH SMALLPOX CASES ARE SENT FROM THE DISTRICT.

Smallpox cases would normally be admitted to the River Hospital, Long Reach, Dartford, Kent.

(2) ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORT OF SUCH CASES TO THAT HOSPITAL BY AMBULANCE; GIVING THE NAME OF THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AMBULANCE AND THE VACCINAL STATE OF THE AMBULANCE CREWS.

The Ambulance Authority is the East Sussex County Council which has earmarked an ambulance for the conveyance of smallpox or suspected smallpox cases and has arranged for the provision of protective clothing to the ambulance personnel, all of whom are in a satisfactory vaccinal state.

(3) NAMES OF SMALLPOX CONSULTANTS AVAILABLE

Dr. W.S. Parker, Royal York Buildings, Brighton.
Dr. R.J. Toleman, Town Hall, Boxhill.

(4) FACILITIES FOR LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS OF SMALLPOX

The Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London N.W.1., provides full facilities for the laboratory diagnosis of smallpox. Specimens may either be sent direct or via the Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

No Change

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious disease on ships

TABLE D.

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Numbers of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports		NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival		NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases landed from other ships		NIL	NIL	NIL

SHORT ACCOUNT OF MEASURES TAKEN ON ARRIVAL BY SHIP OF (a) ANY CASE OF SMALLPOX, CHOLERA, PLAGUE, YELLOW FEVER, TYPHUS OR RELAPSING FEVER EXCLUDED IN TABLE D, (b) ANY SUSPECTED CASE OF SUCH DISEASE.

No measures were required to be taken as there were

(a) No cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever, and,

(b) No suspected cases of such disease which occurred during the year.

SECTION X -- Observations on the occurrence
of malaria in ships.

No case of malaria arrived at the port, nor did any vessel report a case of malaria during the voyage.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships
infected with or suspected for Plague.

No measures were taken as there were no ships infected with or suspected for plague during the year.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in
ships from foreign ports.

(1) PROCEDURE FOR INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR RATS

Where possible the Sanitary Inspector examines vessels for the presence of rats. A regular inspection is made in the case of the Cross Channel vessels and an attempt is made to inspect thoroughly all foreign-going ships.

(2) ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BACTERIOLOGICAL OR PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF RODENTS,
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO RODENT PLAGUE, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF RODENTS SENT
FOR EXAMINATION DURING THE YEAR.

Arrangements exist for the examination of rodents from ships when necessary at the Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

No specimens were sent during 1954.

(3) ARRANGEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT FOR DERATTING SHIPS, THE METHODS USED AND, IF
DONE BY A COMMERCIAL CONTRACTOR, THE NAME OF THE CONTRACTOR.

The port is not an approved port or a designated approved port for this purpose.

Trapping and poisoning are available.

(4) PROGRESS IN THE RAT-PROOFING OF SHIPS

Ships using the port are mainly Cross Channel passenger and cargo vessels with a high degree of rat-proofing and little harbourage. Colliers entering the port have been found to be almost devoid of harbourage, while in the modern vessels rat-proofing is good.

If any excessive temporary harbourage is discovered the Master is required to abate the same.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category	Number
Black rats	NIL
Brown rats	NIL
Species not known .	NIL
Sent for examination	NIL
Infected with plague	NIL

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption
Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

Number of Deratting Certificates issued After fumigation with					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
HCN	Other fumigant (state method)	After Trapping	After poisoning	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

The Port is neither an approved port nor a designated approved port for the issue of certificates.

SECTION XIII -- Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of Inspections		Notices served Statutory Notices Other Notices		Result of serving Notice
Foreign Going: Steam & Motor	17	NIL	NIL	-
Coastwise: Steam & Motor	67	NIL	3	2 Notices com- plied with
Total	84	NIL	3	-

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-fish)

Regulations 1934 and 1948

No Change

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection Aliens

(1) List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment

No Change

(2) List of other staff engaged on this work

No Change

(3) Organisation Work

No Change

(4) Nature and Amount of Aliens Traffic

	Total	Number inspected by the Medical Inspector.	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Insp.	Lunatic, Idiot or M.D.	Undesirable for medical reasons	Physically incapacitated	Suffering from acute infectious disease	Transmigrants
(a) Total number of Aliens landing at the Port	54,528	52,719	1,809	-	20	10	-	-
(b) Aliens refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer	124	119	5	1	4	-	-	-
(c) Transmigrants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Aliens arriving at the Port	54,652	52,838	1,814	1	24	10	-	-

Total number of vessels carrying alien passengers ... 424

Total number of vessels dealt with by the Medical Insp. 424

(5) ACCOMMODATION FOR MEDICAL INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION

No Change

SECTION XVI - MiscellaneousARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BURIAL ON SHORE OF PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED ON BOARD SHIP
FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

No Change

